

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An operating device for a diagnostic imaging unit, comprising:
a selection key for activating preset operating values and parameters of the imaging unit;
a setting key for manually setting operating values and parameters of the imaging unit; and
a display element for displaying set or preset operating values and parameters of the imaging unit;
the operating device being configured to simultaneously display the display element and only one of the selection key and the setting key.
2. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operating device is designed as a touch-sensitive display screen.
3. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a display area for displaying the display element.
4. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an operating area for making available the selection key or the setting key.
5. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a switchover key configured to switch between a display of the selection key and the setting key.
6. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a recording key for triggering picture-taking that is made available both simultaneously with the selection key and simultaneously with the setting key.

7. The operating device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diagnostic imaging unit is an X-ray machine.